

Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



**Easter VI
10:00 a.m.
May 9, 2021**

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Thank you** everyone for joining us this morning for our worship service. Please join us inside or you can listen to the service on your car radio at 96.9. If you miss the service you can always watch it on our Facebook page. If any problems happen doing the service please let Del or Rory know so they can fix the problem immediately. Thank you again!
- **The Altar Flowers** are given in honor of all our mothers and grandmothers. Happy Mother's Day!
- **The Vigil Candle** is given in celebration of Mike Phillips birthday and Nicole Johnson and Ian Phillips baptism birthdays.
- **We would also like** to wish Steve & Sherry Crile a Happy Anniversary on the 12th.
- **Steve will** be watching from the door and will bring out bulletins and communion cups to those who stay in their cars. Those coming inside can pick up your bulletin and communion cup as you enter the sanctuary.
- **The Prayer book** is available on the desk by the door. Steve can bring it to the cars.
- **The Lay Reader** list is available for volunteers for the month of January. Please see the signup sheet in the Narthex or let Steve know you would like to sign up. **Our lay reader today is**
- **Ushers are Del inside and Steve outside.**
- **The April-June Portal of Prayers** are available now.
- **There will be an Ascension Day Service** on Thursday, May 13 at 6:30 pm at St. John Lutheran Church on Wilbeth Road in Akron. See insert.
- **For the month of May** we will be collecting items for the Pregnancy Center of Akron. Needed are baby clothes up to 5T, baby bottles, diapers, formula, Wipes, Maternity clothing, layettes and other baby items. Please bring in your items any Sunday in May and Robin will make sure they get to the Center the first week of June. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.
- **Contact Person:** Please call Pastor Just at 216-789-6688 or Council President Steve Hlava at 330 422-1959 for any emergencies or questions. Pastor Just is in the office on Thursdays.

Attendance last Sunday	Adults	Children
Towards Budget:		
Current Expense	535.00	
Building Fund	10.00	
Benevolence	5.00	
Mission	5.00	
Candle fund	100.00	
1 + 1 + 1	22.00	
<u>Loose</u>	<u>20.00</u>	
Total Offering	697.00	

Needed each week to meet budget--\$1,112.21

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

C: **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Maker of all things, Judge of all people,
we admit and confess our sinfulness.**

**We have turned away from each other
in our thinking, speaking, and doing.**

**We have done the evil You forbid
and have not done the good You demand.**

**We do repent
and are truly sorry for these our sins.**

**Have mercy on us, kind Father,
because of the obedience of our Brother,
Jesus Christ, Your Son.**

**Forgive us all that is past,
and with the power of Your Holy Spirit
move us to serve You faithfully.**

**Set our feet upon the new path of life,
and build Your kingdom here through
Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

P: God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. May He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you to greater faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Entrance Hymn *“Splendor and Honor”* Insert

Kyrie

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.
P: Help, save comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C: Amen.

**The Hymn of Praise—This is the feast pg. 60*

People: Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Refrain
2. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. Refrain
3. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
4. Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain
5. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Refrain

The Prayer for the Day

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
P: Let us pray. Jesus, our loving friend and Savior,
C: You have promised to give us Your Spirit to be with us forever. Stay within our hearts, so that we love one another as You have loved us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

All readings are from the New Revised Standard Version

The First Lesson Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶ for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸ So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days. This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

The Psalm “I Will Sing unto the Lord” Psalm 98

Insert

The Second Lesson 1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴ for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵ Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶ This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

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Gospel Verse: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord. Pg. 63

⁹ Jesus taught them: "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another. This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ Pg. 63

Reflection "Friends Are Not Made, They're Born"

Hymn of the Day "This is My Will" Insert

Affirmation of Faith Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our
Lord.**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day He rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again to judge the living and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***The Prayers of the Church** pg. 65

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

(after each petition)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: On this special day of remembrance, let us pray for our mothers and mothers everywhere:

C: God our Father, we pray:

for new mothers, coming to terms with both the joys and demands of motherhood;

for pregnant mothers, expectant and wondering, or fearful;

for those mothers who are tired, stressed, ill or depressed;

for those who struggle to balance the demands of work and children;

for those who have to struggle with difficult decisions about whether or not to become a mother or to have another child;

for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty;

for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities;

for those who have children they do not want;

for those who raise children on their own;

for those who have lost a child through death or abortion;

for those who care for the children of others;

for those whose children have left home;

for those whose children have rejected their love;

and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.

Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender, and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good, living not for themselves, but for God and for others;

through Christ our Friend and Brother. Amen.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** pg. 68

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right to give You thanks and praise, O God,

for You are the Lord of wonderful deeds
who fills the earth with mercy, justice and love.

You created the world and all that live there;
and the seas, rivers and hills roar their praise.

Through Your people You revealed Your
commandments and Your merciful love to all the
world.

You came among us in Your beloved Son, Jesus,
who makes us Your friends
by planting Your word within us
and leading us to abide in Your love forever.

He was crucified and buried,
but through Your victorious power
He was born again from the deep waters of death,
and His resurrection power will conquer the world.
Now He is pouring out Your Holy Spirit on all who
believe, without distinction,
and bringing everyone who loves You
and follows Your ways to new birth as Your
children.

Therefore we praise Your Majesty, almighty God,
with all Your faithful people;
therefore we bow before You and adore You with
the words:

**C: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of all living.
Earth and heaven are filled with Your glory.
We bless Your name.
Blessed is He who comes in the midst of His people.**

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread into His hands,
gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples with the words,

*Take and eat; this is My body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of Me."*

In the same way He took the cup, spoke a prayer of thanks over it, and said,

*"This cup is the new covenant in My blood,
which is shed for you and
for all for the forgiveness of sins.
Each time you drink of this cup,
do it in remembrance of Me."*

The Lord's Prayer

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy Name,
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil;
for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Communion

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very Body and Blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may honor His sacrifice by continuing His mission in the world.

All are invited to take the communion packet that was provided as you came to worship this morning.

P: Take and eat, this is the Body of Christ, broken for you to be made whole.

All are invited to open the larger cup from the communion packet and partake of the wafer therein.

P: Take, drink, the Blood of Christ, poured out for you to be filled with His endless life.
Please open the smaller cup to consume the wine.

P: The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ and His precious Blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith to life everlasting.

C: **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Almighty God,

C: **You provide the true bread from heaven, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the sacrament of His Body and Blood may abide in Him and He in us, that we may be filled with the power of His endless life now and forever. Amen.**

Sending

P: Go now, and bear fruit for God, fruit that will last.

As Christ has loved you, so love one another, and abide always in God's love, that your joy may be complete.

God give you all you ask for in Christ's name;

Christ Jesus reveal to you God's ways and call you His friends;

The Holy Spirit confirm the truth within you and make your joy + complete.

C: **Amen.**

Closing Song "The Potter's Hand" Insert

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

OUR WORSHIP IS ENDED—NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS!

Please remember these members in your prayers

Bill Crile—recovering from surgery

Jim Doerfler—serious mouth surgery—continued healing

Carol Earle—immediate family for peace and comfort

Deb Earle—health issues

Cory Hautmann—Physiological strength and loss of Grandpa Ron

Linda Hautmann—Strength and healing for Lupus and from melanoma and loss of her dad Ron Stenglein

Palagia Hlava—complications from MS

Nicole Johnson—ankle is healed and scope went well

Lorene Kozar—recovering from stomach surgery

Joanna Nicely--migraines

Ken Nicely II—complications from diabetes

Kenny Nicely III-shoulder pain—healing from surgery

Kenny Nicely IV—Epilepsy

Stephen Nicely—traveling mercies to work in Normal, Illinois for 2 months

Carol & Heather Poston—strength and healing from MS

Diane Seman—searching for job

Becky Larkins—fostering Holly, a preemie 3 months old

Wolff Family—successful sale of Mary's home

Our College Students— Abigail Ayers, Corey Hautmann, Joanna Nicely, Grace Rohaley

Troy Roman—joined the Marines

Remember in prayer these friends of the congregation

For our Bishop, Jamison Hardy, and the congregations and pastors of the English District and the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Rick & Alice Artman—both in pain for needed knee replacement—brother & sister-in-law of Joyce

Backus family—loss of Matthew—cousin's son of Steve Manijak

Barbara's daughter delivered twins--in NICU—co-worker of Joyce

Roger Black—lung cancer is back—brother-in-law of Deb

Avis Blowers—praise of thanksgiving—chemo worked—friend of Guy

Patty Bowman—covid—Bill & Sharon Crile's daughter

John Butterbaugh—spot on his lung—friend of Joyce

Carl—in memory care in Arizona—father of Carol Earle

Chuck—has Covid—coworker of Stephen Nicely

Anna Cooper—heart surgery complications—friend of Wolff's

Leona Corban—shingles—Marla's mom

Scott Corban—Rheumatoid Arthritis—brother of Marla

Tom Corban—Parkinson Disease—Marla's brother

Laura Dean—Praise God for healing from covid—sister of Joyce

Jamie Dunn—battling cancer—bus driver for Streetsboro

Earle Family—family member seeking to purchase new home

Bill Earle—underwent heart bypass—continued healing—brother of Bob

Billy Earle Jr.—diabetes, leg amputation—in rehab

Sue Ellinwood—liver cancer—friend of the Wolff's

George Foerster—father of Dianne Reynolds

Christine Frank—cancer—friend of Jim

Bridget Gehri—medical issues—friend of Trudy Ayers

Ken Granville—leukemia—retired Band Director and friend of many

Anita Hlava—speedy recovery from hip surgery—Steve's mom

Family of Jean Kopcak—passed away—friend of Amy

Debbie Hovanetz-internal problems-neighbor of Tom & Linda Beuck

Janice—heart problems

John—multiple health issues--neighbor of Joyce

Sherry Johnson—stroke recovery—grandma of Nicole and Gabe

Kathi—family issues w/son—co-worker of Joyce

Knapp Family—loss of coworker's sister--Joyce

Brad Kozar—suffering from propsychotic depression—son of Lorene

Suzanne Latham—lyme disease—homesick—sister of Marla

Lauren—healing from surgery—step cousin of Diane Lee

Kristina Lonardo—problems with pregnancy—friend of Trudy

Tyler Llutz—hodgekins lymphoma—son of Deb's co-worker

Dave Lauver—stomach cancer—Wolff's cousin

Lori—complications with knee replacement—co-worker of Joyce

Anne Mack—in hospice for breast cancer—dear neighbor of Deb's

Frank Manijak—congestive heart complications—Steve's Dad

Nadine Nicely—in tremendous pain from cancer in her lungs & nerves—Joyce's sister-in-law

Samantha Nicely—migraines—granddaughter of Joyce

Inge Osborne—battling cancer—past member and friend

Sandi & Ron Platen—health issues—family of Steve Manijak

Karen Power—healing from back fusions—friend of the Earle's

Peter Power—diabetes—friend of the Earle's

Valonte Ragland—paralyzed from car accident—co-worker's son of Amy

Latesha Ragland—learning how to care for Valonte

John Rutherford—covid—friend of Joyce

Leslie Slanina—continued heling—Gilbert's mom

Tim Tolodzieski—recovering—brother-in-law of Steve Crile

Kenneth Udovic-cancer-brother-in-law of Tom Beuck

Denny Wood—cancer surgery recovery—friend of Joyce

Zack—life problems—Joyce's friend's son

COVID 19 virus patients